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EPA Region 6 Summary – Sunday, August 9

In New Mexico, EPA has a team of 78 employees consisting of federal on-scene coordinators, water quality experts, technicians and contractors responding to the spill. New Mexico announced its determination that private domestic water well use along the Animas River can resume based on water quality sampling results collected by both New Mexico Environment Department and the EPA. EPA and NMED collected 34 water quality samples from private domestic wells yesterday.

EPA continues to collect water quality samples from nine locations in the river near intakes for Aztec, Farmington, Lower Valley Water Users Association, Morning Star Water Supply System and the North Star Water User Association. EPA will continue to sample, analyze, and make data available to support local decision makers moving forward to allow them to make the best informed decisions. Validated sampling data for the Animas and San Juan Rivers from the Northern Border of New Mexico to Navajo Nation collected from Aug. 9 to Aug. 10, 2015.

New Mexico announced its decision initiation a plan for the flushing of irrigation ditches along the Animas River. The irrigation ditches will be flushed for 12 hours before normal irrigation and livestock watering operations can resume today. EPA delivered water to ten agriculture and livestock locations. There are currently twenty trucks delivering water.